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### World History, Ch. 15.3 “The Meiji Restoration”

With the end of the shogunate system in 1868, Japan entered a new period of government. Imperial rule was reestablished. Japanese leaders realized that they must change the country if they were going to survive in the face of challenges from Western nations. The young emperor Mutsuhito called his reign the Meiji, or “Enlightened Rule.” The Meiji Restoration was a period in which Japanese politics, society, industry, and military were modernized.

Read the chart and fill in the missing words and then answer the questions below.

Politics	Economics	Military	Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ moved to Edo (Tokyo)</li> <li>• Imperial rule</li> <li>• _____ Real power held by _____ and cabinet</li> <li>• Undercut the power of the _____</li> <li>• _____ w/</li> <li>• 2 = houses—upper house appointed, lower house elected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land _____ reforms—daimyo’s lands given to peasants</li> <li>• New _____ tax—set rate ea. yr. not based on harvest yield; caused many farmers to give up owning their _____ &amp; become tenant farmers</li> <li>• Govt. promoted _____ -- subsidized industries, provided training &amp; improved _____ systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded new imperial _____ based on _____ military service—all men had to serve 3 _____</li> <li>• Army well-equipped with modern _____</li> <li>• Used strong _____ to pursue expansionist goals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established new ministry of _____ in 1871</li> <li>• Adopted _____ model w/ elementary, _____ schools &amp; colleges</li> <li>• Brought _____ specialists to teach</li> <li>• Western influence but still placed great _____ on loyalty to family, _____, &amp; emperor</li> </ul>

1. Who held the real power in Japan under Meiji rule?

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2-3. How did the new land tax affect many farmers? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why did the Japanese leaders feel they needed a strong military force?

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5. What model did the Japanese follow for education under the Meiji rule?

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6. What traditional Japanese elements did they retain?

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